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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5683-N-95]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date that is 30 Days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by

calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on August 13, 2013.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming **HUD** Environmental Responsibilities.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0087.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-7015.15.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: 24 CFR Part 58,

"Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities" requires units of general local government receiving HUD assistance to maintain a written environmental review record for all projects receiving HUD funding documenting compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, related federal environmental laws, executive orders, and authorities, and Part 58 procedure. When the environmental review record is complete, HUD recipients use HUD-7015.15 – "Request for Release of Funds and Certification" to certify their compliance with all applicable environmental laws and authorities. HUD (or the State for certain State-administered HUD grant programs) approves the certification allowing for the conditionally awarded or formula-allocated funds to be

released to the recipient. Various laws that authorize this procedure are listed in 24 CFR 58.1(b).

<u>Respondents (i.e. affected public):</u> The respondents are state and local governments receiving HUD funding who are required to submit HUD-7015.15.

Estimation of the total number of hours to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response and hours of response:

Information	Number of	Frequency	Responses	Burden	Annual	Hourly	Annual
Collection	Respondents	of	Per	Hour	Burden	Cost Per	Cost
		Response	Annum	Per	Hours	Response	
				Response			
Total	18,785	1	18,785	.6	11,271	30	\$338,130

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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